

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF INDIA (NHAI) FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC CORRIDORS, FEEDER ROUTES AND COASTAL ROAD PRIMARILY TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF FREIGHT MOVEMENT IN INDIA (LOT-3 ODISHA & JHARKHAND/PACKAGE-2) RAIPUR-VISAKHAPATNAM (CH.124.661 - CH.365.033 KM) (LENGTH 240.372 KM) IN THE STATE OF ODISHA UNDER BHARATMALA PARIYOJANA HELD ON 21.01.2021 AT 11.00 A.M. AT- GOVT BOYS HIGH SCHOOL PLAY GROUND, (NEAR R.T.O. KORAPUT) DISTRICT- KORAPUT

The public hearing in respect of the above project was held on 21.01.2021 as per the schedule and at the venue in accordance with the EIA Notification S. O. 1533 (E) dt. 14.09.2006. The public hearing with regard to date, place and time was announced in Public Address System in nearby villages of proposed project site and also published in Daily News Paper. The process followed for public hearing was adequate.

Er P Kar, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Rayagada welcomed the public to the hearing and briefed about the objectives, process & procedures followed for conducting such public hearing.

ShriDeben Kumar Pradhan, OAS (SAG), Additional District Magistrate, Koraput presided over and supervised the public hearing.

Sri Bipin Bihari Panda, Project Consultant of M/s National Highways Authority of India (Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India) has explained about the proposed project and briefed about the Pollution Control measures to be adopted in the Project.

The following is the summary of the public hearing proceedings, reflecting all the views and concerns expressed by the assembled public at the venue. It was recorded by the officials of the Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Rayagada.

1. Sri Biraj Kumar Benya, Dangari, Mastiput GP

Sri Benya welcomed the project and informed that about 30 acres of low land to be acquired for the project. He expressed his concern over the loss of total land of people having 1 to 2 acres area in the project and apprehended that they become landless. Further, he informed that he is also going to lose his land with others in this project. He said that, many local ST, SC people also losing their land in this project. He explained that Government policy says that nobody should be landless and minimum 2 acres of land to be provided for all. Apprehending that the people become landless due to the project, he requested the ADM, Koraput and Government for providing suitable land in lieu of land to be lost. He urged that the project should come up in a peaceful manner with fulfilling their demands and also warned that they may think for alternatives if their demands not fulfilled.

He appealed to the public for not accepting money as compensation. He cited the example of losing their land for railway Line, Kolab Project and also in this project which make them landless and becomes beggars. He strongly advocated for providing land instead of money as it will be spent for purchasing Gold, marriages, etc and will be exhausted. He again requested for providing suitable land against the land to be acquired.

2. Sri Bhagaban Burudi, Ranagamatiguda, Mahadeiput, Koraput Block

Sri Burudi introduced himself as resident of Rangamatiguda and informed that the Bharatmala road project is passing through their village and they are going to be displaced. He demanded for Rs.15 Lakhs and Rs.30 Lakhs per acre as compensation. Further he informed that earlier they

were settled at Littiguda and last 32 years residing in Rangamatiguda. They all are tribals and economically poor. He expressed his apprehension about the future and demanded for rehabilitation in Government lands with provision of 2 acres of land for their survival. Further he demanded compensation for their Salap, Jack fruit and Tamarind trees.

3. Smt Namita Majhi, Aminguda, Mastiput, Koraput

Smt Majhi expressed her happiness about the Bharatmala Road project and stated that the project brings both good and bad situations for place to place. She told that road to be connected from Sunabeda to Nabarangpur will displaced villages and people also lose their land from 5 to 10 acres. She herself loses about 2 acres of land in this project. She expressed her concerned over the loose of the lands by the locals and advised to avoid the greed of money. She demanded for rehabilitation of displaced people and to provide 2 to 3 acres of land with other benefits. Further she requested for adequate compensation based on the proper valuation towards loss of Nilagiri Plantations made by local people. She stressed upon the proper compensation of fruit bearing trees to be lost and suggested to provide seedlings to compensate. Further she emphasized on proper rehabilitation of 15 to 20 families to be displaced from Rangamatiguda village. She requested local RIs and Tahsildars for proper identification, registration of land losers and to provide land for their settlement and provision of agricultural land. She again stressed on identification of the land losers of Mastiput, Mahadeiput, Padmapur and other GPs by Tahsildars & RIs for compensation.

4. Sri T P Srinivas Raju, Pukali, Pottangi

Sri Raju introduced himself as a farmer and told that he came to express their griefs as they are losing their land in the project. He informed that in Koraput 10 to 15 families are getting their livelihood per Acre of land and hope that Government will extend support. He urged that the farmers should not suffer and emphasized that Government should redress their problem as the Koraput farmers are the backbone of the State. He told that they will submit their letter to the Collector for enhancement of the valuation of the land. He informed that Pukali is vegetable production rich area and vegetables are being exported. He requested to realignment the road near to the Pukali Hat for their benefits. He demanded for providing jobs, toll gate management etc in the project for the farmers who will lose their land. He expressed his concern about the problems of the farmers.

5. Sri Dashratha Malli, Litimaliguda, Mahadeiput

Sri Malli informed that he and his ancestor are residing in Litimaliguda since last 400 years. He told that they had 21 acres 10 cent of land and they distributed about 3 acres of land to their sisters and now they are 8 families having 60 to 62 members surviving on remaining land. He introduced himself as Mali Farmer and his family depends on cultivation. He informed that he has developed and encroached about 2 acres of Government Land which will be acquired for the project. Further he expressed that his yield from paddy cultivation is about 20 bags in Rainy season and 30 bags in summer which also going to be lost along with his paternal land. He expressed his concern over the loss of about 30 acres of land of his poor villagers. Further he expressed that the previous speaker Sri Bhagaban Burudi was took shelter at Litiguda as landless after displaced from Kolab and subsequently his village people settled him at Rangamatiguda and that village completely going to be displaced. He informed that people are losing pakka house and valuable agricultural land in the project and told that the 1 acre of agricultural land is more valuable for them for their survival than that of 5 acre of Donger land. Again he informed that more than Rs.2 lakhs was spent and about 30 years contribution made by his family for developing those 2 acres of land.

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He stated that about 22 years back he bought 1 acre of land @Rs.3000/- and now the Donger land costs about Rs.10 Lakhs per Acre in Koraput. While expressing their inability to stop the project he demanded for adequate compensation for the land at the prevailing rate in the Koraput.

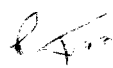
6. Sri Sarat Chandra Buruda, Bariguda, Mastiput

Sri Buruda introduced himself as a native of Malkangiri but he is having land at Mastiput. He expressed his concern over the displacement of the local people in various projects like Kolab Reservoir, NALCO and Bauxite mines in Koraput and the impact on the environment due to such project. He apprehended that the proposed Raipur-Visakhapatnam Road Project will have adverse impact on forest, rivers and Hills. He informed that Koraput is remotely located and covered with dense forest, but due to industrialisation, forest area has been vanished and it is alarming for the environment.

He expressed his satisfaction over the greenery in Koraput due to large scale Nilagiri plantation in Koraput area promoted by JK Paper Mills, BILT Paper Mills and Mangalam Timbers. He stated that deforestation taking place due to different projects including road projects. He pointed out that this express road project is meant for the Ambani & Adani, not for the general public as the public cannot access to that road due to barricading. Being a farmer, he expressed his grief and informed that he is going to lose 3 acres of land in the project. He informed that the Government bench mark valuation for Donger -I is ₹30,800, for Donger -II is ₹27,500 &for Donger -III is ₹23,100 per acre. He estimated that even after three times hike in bench mark value, he will get only ₹60,000 per acres for Donger -III land and also face significant loss in earning from his Orchard having more than 100 nos. of Mango, Lemon trees with Pineapple plants. He questioned on less valuation of land in scheduled area. He opined that due to Section-56 regulation the immovable property of ST people can only be transferred to other ST people and even Bank also not considering it for mortgaged and hence valuation is less. Also in order to reduce stamp duty, the lesser value being shown for registration. He informed that the local Mali families are cultivating vegetables round the year by utilizing stream water for their livelihood. Expressing their incapability of stopping the project, he urged that they should be properly compensated or else they are not going to give their land. Further he added that for service road all his land will be acquired. He demanded for ₹ 30 Lakhs per acre as compensation. He raised the displacement issue of Rangamatiguda village and suggested to resolve the issues by providing houses, suitable land and proper compensation after due consultation with the displaced villagers. He expressed that they are not opposing the project if they will be properly compensated or else he warned on behalf of farmers that they will strongly oppose the project. Further, he stressed on fulfilling the demand of the farmers to avoid law and order situation.

7. Sri Jagat Ram Nayak, Pukali, Pottangi

Sri Nayak introduced himself as a farmer and informed that the areas in Pottangi are mostly hilly lands and very less areas are suitable for agriculture on which they are depending for their livelihood from their forefathers. He informed that decision has been taken for the project and questioned on their survival if those agricultural lands will be lost for ever. He told that they are not acquainted with the utilization of money and it will not help them for their livelihood. He demanded for proper compensation, rehabilitation and permanent job for at least one member of the family. He urged that Government should take steps so that farmers can be benefitted from the project otherwise after displacement they will be in distressed condition. He urged that all benefits of the road project passing near the Pukali and Pottangi area should be extended to the



local people. He informed that they will submit their demand in written to the Collector and requested the Government to consider their demand seriously.

8. Sri Ramachandra Paraja, Rangamatiguda, Mahadeiput

Sri Paraja introduced himself as a resident of Rangamatiguda and stated that all houses of the Rangamatiguda going to be displaced in the project. He requested for compensation of ₹ 15 Lakhs and job for the youth having age 18 years & more for their benefit.

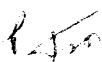
9. Sri Prem Kanta Pan, Purimunda, Padagada

Sri Pan appealed the public to be united and cautioned that if we give our land then our life will be spoiled. Again he appealed to the public for giving application of their demands to the Collector unitedly. Further he expressed that if compensations are not given, demands are not fulfilled then they will meet Hon'ble MLA Jeypore and place their demands. He informed that he is going to lose 12 acres of paternal land, 60 cent of vegetable field and 25 nos of trees etc in the project. He expressed that road project may come up, but they should be compensated with land against land and rehabilitated with 2 acres of land in Koraput town to start their business for their survival, otherwise they will be compelled to protest on the road at the cost of their life. Further he told that the livelihood of the people of Koraput depends on agriculture, daily labour works, paddy cultivation twice in a year and growing vegetables. He informed that they are not acquainted with the use of money and cautioned that compensation money will be exhausted for marriages, alcohol consumption and other unnecessary expenses. He told that his paternal land of 25 acres divided and reduced to 12 acres for him and questioned on the survivability of the next generations since lands are being acquired from time to time for the railway line, Kolab reservoir and now for the road project in Koraput. He expressed his concern over the displacement from Kolab project and rehabilitation at Rangamatiguda and questioned on their survivability.

He expressed his gratitude for the help received from the Hon'ble MLA Jeypore and told that he will give application to him for their demands. He informed that half of his house and vegetable field going to be acquired in this project on which his family was surviving. Again he demanded for 2 acres of land at Koraput town against the 12 acres land and other assets to start business by his next generation for their survival. He warned that if their demands are not fulfilled and not properly compensated, they will go for protest rally. He questioned on the limited compensation system of the Government for land and displacement and their survivability. He again stressed on compensation of land against land or else they will prefer to die. He cited the example of NALCO compensation system and stated that NALCO has given job against the land for the survival of their future generation and demanded similar compensation as compensation in form of money will be exhausted shortly. He explained that the paternal property will be enjoyed from generation to generation, so giving money is not proper compensation. He expressed his dissatisfaction over the less valuation for compensation and strongly demanded ₹ 30 Lakhs per acre of land to be acquired or to provide land at town for their survival.

10. Sri Tara Prasad Bahinipati, Hon'ble MLA, Jeypore

Hon'ble MLA Sri Bahinipati explained the importance of the land in Koraput area and informed that 90% of the present public does not have patta though they are enjoying the donger land from their ancestors. He elaborated the traditional mode of income in Koraput area and highlighted the heavy demand of desi vegetables, Raggi (Mandia) produced in Pottangi & Koraput area and availability of large nos of mango trees in Koraput. He again highlighted the tamarind trees



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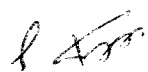
availability throughout Koraput district particularly over Government lands on which the local villagers depends for their livelihood. He informed that villagers planted large number of mango trees on Government land and peoples from outside used to purchase Harida, Bahada, Sahada, Amla & Nim from Koraput area.

He cited the Supreme Court decision that if one family is displaced once, then they cannot be displaced further. He informed that the displaced persons of Kolab settled at Rangamatiguda and developed donger land for their livelihood. He appreciated the technique followed by the Mali community to channelize the stream water from one hill to another hill for cultivation purpose. He highlighted the large scale ginger cultivation made from Pottangi to Mahadeiput including his 25 acres of ginger field and questioned about the impact on cultivation if those land to be given for the project. He stated that he is not opposing the road project and explained about the job opportunity given to elder people by NALCO mines, Damanjodi and spent of compensation money in unnecessary means by the locals. He also expressed his dissatisfaction over the jobs provided in lower category to the locals by the NALCO.

He described about his contribution towards getting job by the locals from NALCO. He stated that in HAL most of the jobs are given to the outsiders ignoring Koraput people. Further he described about his struggle in the past for enhancement of land cost to be acquired by Utkal Alumina and expressed his dissatisfaction over the ignoring the locals for employment by the company and also the cheating behaviour of locals towards him. He cautioned the public about the Divide and Rule Policy. He strongly opposed the compensation value fixed for the road project @ ₹ 30000 for Donger-I, ₹ 27000 for Donger-II & ₹ 22000 for Donger-III which is not acceptable. He urged that separate discussion is required for rehabilitation of Rangamatiguda village as there is no provision of second time rehabilitation in law based on verdict given by Hon'ble Supreme Court. He informed that they are not getting forest clearance for their village road even for Pradhan Mantri Sadak Yojana and questioned that how this project will get forest clearance. He strongly recommended that though the land records are in name of Government, but tribal peoples are enjoying the land from their ancestors and hence belongs to them since it is a scheduled fifth area. He also informed that anabadi donger belongs to them, not Government land.

He strongly opposed the shifting of the Model Degree College of Koraput located in Semiliguda block for the road project and warned that it may lead to bloodshed if attempt is taken for dismantling the Model Degree College Building. He informed that college is to be inaugurated in March and if it is shifted then it will take another ten years to come up which will greatly hamper the education facilities of the local tribal students. Further he added that the property belongs to public since it is constructed with the tax payer's money.

He expressed that there is no need of the project unless their demands for proper compensation of land against Land, rehabilitation etc get fulfilled and then only they will consider about the project proposal. He again stressed upon the declaration of the Government for non-shifting of the College or else they will not allow the project for construction. He recalled the scarification of Veer Sahid Shri Lakhman Nayak of Koraput for the Independence and appealed the public not to agree for the project if Authority will not listen to their demands. Further he warned that they will not tolerate if the project will take away their houses, schools, trees, lands etc and appealed the public to save their mother land even at the cost of their life. We are not against development but our demands to be fulfilled properly.





11. Sri Chittta Ranjan Sathpathy, Jeypore

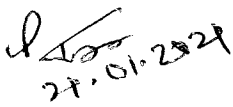
Sri Sathpathy introduced himself as an advocate and expressed his happiness for such large road project. He stated that local farmer, labourers and tribal are losing their land, houses, ponds etc for this project. He emphasized on completion of this project within a timeframe. Further he stressed upon proper compensation to the project affected people without any corruption. He expressed his dissatisfaction over the improper compensation to the affected people and corruption in Upper Kolab & Telengiri Project. He expressed his concern over the environmental impact due to loss of forests, ponds, rivers, houses, school & colleges etc in this project and demanded for proper recovery. He opined that the attendance sheet of the hearing should not be treated as No-Objection for the project. He strongly recommended for proper and adequate compensation to the affected people and to rehabilitate them in suitable place not in remote areas. He queried about the compensation of ₹ 30 Lakhs / acre in Nabarangpur area whereas ₹ 3 Lakhs / acre in Koraput area in the project. He stressed upon to pay ₹ 30 Lakhs per Acre as compensation and recommended to engage reputed company for construction of road to avoid corruption and to complete it in a time bound manner.

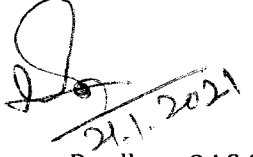
The Regional Officer, SPCB, Rayagada read over the issues raised by the public in the hearing and Er Grandhi Atchyuta Durga Kiran, Site Engineer of M/s National Highways Authority of India responded to the issues raised.

Shri Deben Kumar Pradhan, ADM, Koraput has given concluding remarks on the hearing and elaborated the process to be followed for submission of the proceeding to the MoEF & CC, New Delhi for further action. He extended thanks to the public participated in the hearing and for offering their views, suggestions and objections.

The issues raised by the public and corresponding comments of the applicant were prepared in Odia and English and it is annexed with the proceedings as Annexure-I & II respectively, list of the oral deliberators and participants in the hearing is annexed as Annexure-III & IV respectively. Four nos written representations from (i) Hon'ble MLA, Jeypore Shri Tara Prasad Bahinipati & Others of village Koraput, Similiguda & Boriguma Block, (ii) Sri Gouri Kandpan & Other villagers of Purimunda, Dasmanthpur Block, (iii) Shri Ramchandara Paraja & Others of village Rangamatiguda, Mahadeiput GP, (iv) Sri T.P. Srinivas Rao & Others of village Pukali and Chandaka G P, Pottangi Block were received during public hearing are annexed as Annexure-V. The videography of proceedings are recorded and submitted as DVD (I & II).

Hearing ended with thanks to the chair.


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